



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

WATANABE et al

Serial No.: 09/868,766

Filed: June 21, 2001

For: OPTICAL ATTENUATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the attached "Substitute Specification and Abstract" for the originally filed specification and abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 1-10 as follows:

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